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1. The standard guage railroad is now complete as far as Marino Pole. It is a single track road with passing points at regular intervals. Gangs of workers are still putting the finishing touches to retaining walls and flood barriers south of Gara Pirin.
2. The track bed and bridges are complete up to the Greek frontier at Kulats.
3. Track is standard Continental flat bottom rail of 45 kgs. per meter. Sleepers from Sofia to Dupnitsa appear to be mainly steel. Fixings are of Vignole type: three screws per sleeper per rail, alternately two and one on the outside.
4. From Dupnitsa to Gara Pirin the sleepers are of wood; fixings are three coach-screws with bed-plate. From Gara Pirin to Marino Pole the sleepers are metal. Fixings are German Vignole type: two screws on the outside per sleeper per rail and one on the inside with a small block welded to the sleeper.

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